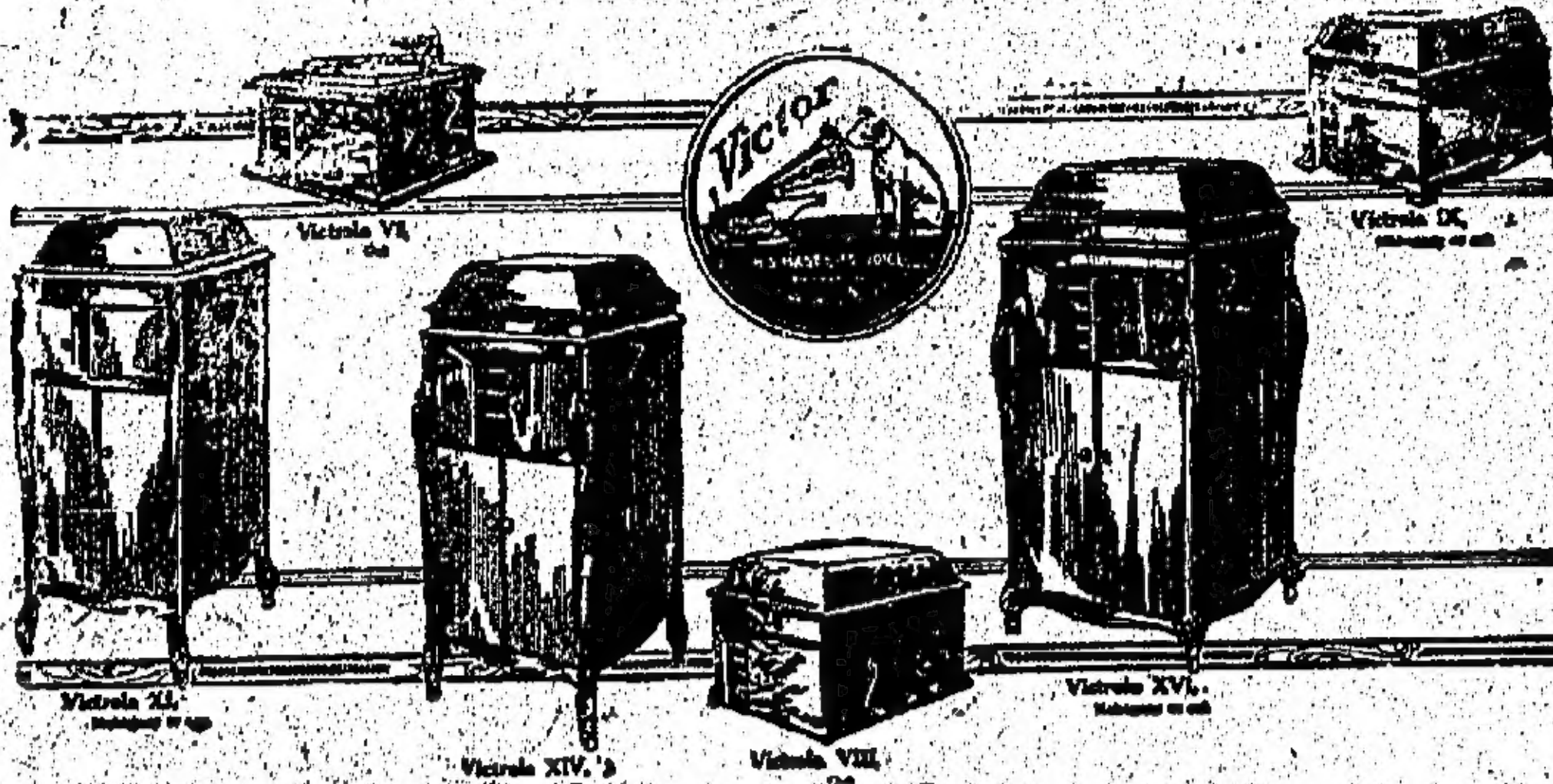


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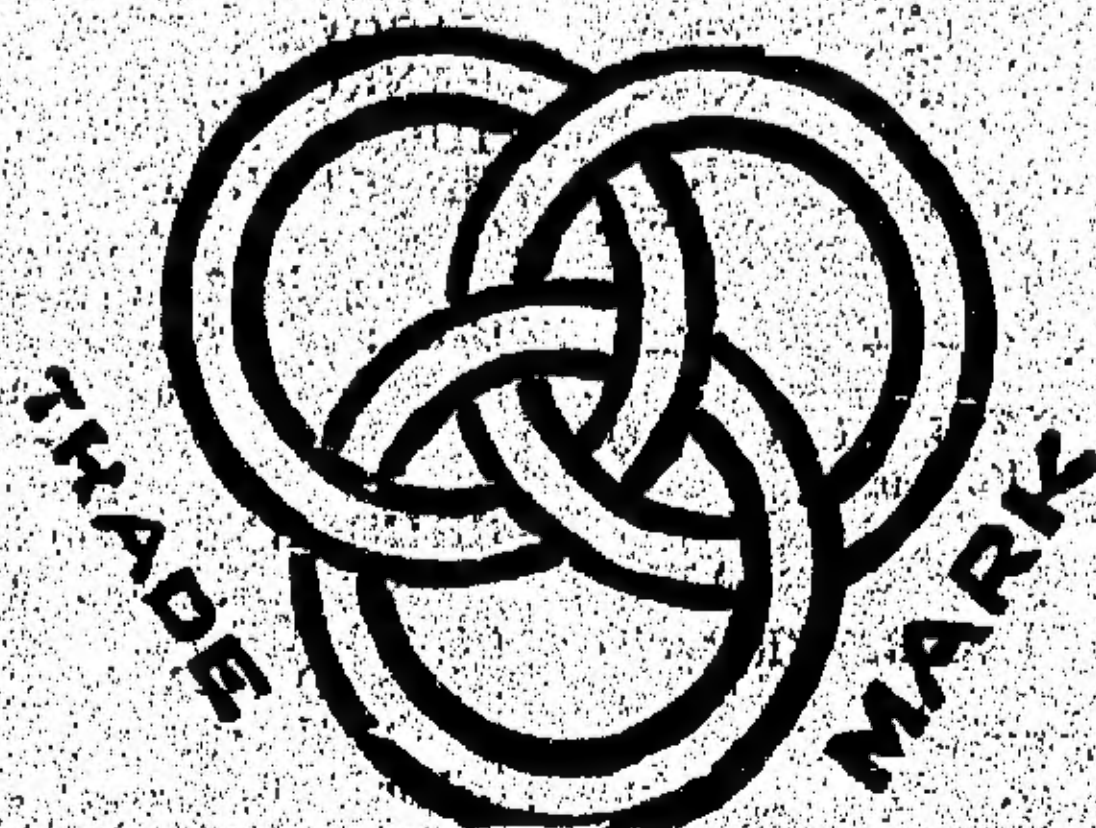
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HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

Messrs. Vernon & Smith, in their weekly share report dated the 5th April, 1917, state:—

Since our last report of 30th March, our local market has been moderately active for most of the speculative stocks, with a good demand for cash shares, and a somewhat diminished enquiry for forward delivery. The feature of the week has been the strong demand for investment stocks, but the improved rates offered have not brought out any shares. Shanghai market continued quiet, and rather featureless. Singapore keeps firm for all rubber shares and a fair business has been put through.

The following are latest wired quotations:—
Alor Gajahs \$4.20 (cum div. 20 cents.)
Ayer Panas 12.50
Glencala 2.50
Kedah 4.50
Kempas 3.50
Malaka Pindas 2.50
Makakofs 4.70
New Serapias 4.50
Sanyocrofts 5.00
Tapahs 32.00

Plantation Rubber in London is 3/1 per lb. Bar Silver is quoted at 38 1/2, Sterling T.T. is 2/3 1/2, Singapore T.T. is 100 1/2, Shanghai T.T. and the Bank's buying rate for 3d/s bills is 20th nominal.

BANKS.—Market has improved to a buying rate of 9700, with business reported at intermediate rates from 9650. MARINE INSURANCE.—Unions have been doing from \$800 up to \$910, and at the latter rate more shares could be placed. Cantoners are better and are wanted at \$375. North China are unchanged at Tls. 150 nominal. Yangtzes are nominal at \$22 1/2 with ex. 73. This company has declared a final dividend of \$15 and a special dividend of \$3 to be paid out of interest earned during 1916.

FIRE INSURANCE.—Hongkong Fires are in demand at \$332 1/2, and China Fires at \$150, but with no shares forthcoming. SHIPPING.—Longlines have been a dull market and are quoted at \$87 buyers (ex. dividend of \$5 paid yesterday). Indo-China Deferred have been in good demand and after sales at \$128 and \$127 cash close with strong buyers at \$127 cash. Forward rates have been somewhat erratic and after sales at \$129 for May they are now wanted at \$130. Steamships have come to business at \$18, and further shares are wanted at the figure. Star Ferries could be placed at \$23.

CHINA.—Shells have been done at 102 1/2. Langkats have declined to a buying rate of Tls. 13 1/2. Urals are unsold at 28 1/2 nominal.

REFINERIES.—Market has been quiet and only a small business has been passing. China Sugars show no change on the week and close at \$114 buyers (ex. dividend of \$12 paid on 31st ult.). Malabons have improved and are now wanted at \$31.

MINES.—No business is reported. Baobas could be placed at \$2.30. Trochols are offering at \$7 1/2. Kallans remain nominal at 23 1/2.

DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks have kept very firm, with buyers offering \$12 1/2, and few shares coming out. Wharves are rather better, with sales and buyers at \$31. Shanghai Docks have been done at Tls. 90, but shares are still obtainable at the rate.

LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.—Lands have advanced to a buying rate of \$69, with no sales reported. Central are wanted at the improved price of \$93. West Points have come to business at \$75, and more shares are wanted at the figure. Humphreys are in demand at \$61. Hotels are unchanged at \$102 nominal and Kowloon Lands at \$33.

COTTON MILLS.—This has been a very quiet market. The only sales made have been in Yangtze at Tls. 5, at which they close nominal. Ewos are quoted Tls. 147 1/2, Kung Yiks Tls. 13, and Shanghai Cottons Tls. 117, all nominal.

MASSELANCOUS.—A fair business has been done in Coments up to \$8.50 cash. They close at \$8.55 cash, and business has been done at \$8.80 for May. China Lights are wanted at \$42, China Borneo at \$8.00, Dairy Farms at \$33, and Electrics at \$40, with business in the latter done at \$50. Tramways have been placed at \$7.35 but shares are offering at \$7.40. Other Companies have nominal quotations.

Memo.—Next Settlement day 27th April.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

HONGKONG AND CHINA DISTRICT.

Y.M.C.A. DIVISION.

Tuesday, 10th April.
6 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon, S. F. Lee.
9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.
Thursday, 12th April.
8 p.m. Bandage Practice; Lee Cpl. Wei Kaa will take charge.
9 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.

SAVINGPEN DIVISION.

Wednesday, 11th April.
2.30 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.
Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE DIVISION.

Tuesday, 10th April.
4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.
Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees.
Friday, 13th April.
4.15 p.m. Company and Stretcher Drill.
Dress—As above.

VICTORIA DIVISION.

Tuesday, 10th April.
5.15 p.m. Stretcher Drill. Dress—Helmets, shorts, puttees.
Friday, 13th April.
5.15 p.m. First Aid Lecture by Divisional Surgeon (Ches).

APPOINTMENTS.

Subject to confirmation by General J. C. Dalton, Chief Commissioner, Jim Cheong Fung, M.B., B.S., is appointed Assistant Divisional Surgeon, and attached to the Victoria Division.
Corporal Kong Ki Fai is appointed Divisional Secretary, Queen's College Division.

RECRUITS.

Attention is drawn to the rule that in future all candidates for admission to the Brigade must obtain a Medical Certificate from the Surgeon of the Division they desire to join. This (Continued at foot of page 111)

HONGKONG'S WATER SUPPLY.

A BIG SHORTAGE.

The water return for the Colony for March shows that the total storage of water at the City and Hill district reservoir at the end of March was 100.77 million gallons, against 363.93 million gallons in the same month last year. The consumption during March, by an estimated population of 467,819, was 108.33 million gallons, or an average consumption per head per day of 13 gallons. In the corresponding period last year 117.80 million gallons were consumed by an estimated population of 284,019, or an average daily consumption per head of 14.4 gallons.

In the Kowloon reservoir the total storage at the end of March was 175.54 million gallons. At the end of March, 1916, the total storage was 239.02 million gallons. This consumption in Kowloon for March was 35.15 million gallons by an estimated population of 99,650, an average consumption per head per day of 11.4 gallons. In the same month in 1916 an estimated population of 97,380 consumed 31.00 million gallons, or 10.2 gallons per head per day.

The Government Analyst's report shows that the water is of excellent quality.

BRITISH CONSULAR INNOVATIONS.

In a recent issue we called attention to the loss which the British business community interested in the China trade had suffered through the suspension of the publication of the Consular reports from the Far East (says the *London and China Express*). From investigations which we have made we are glad to learn that this condition of affairs is by no means due to any suppression of the part of the Government Departments concerned. It is due to the fact, as we have already briefly intimated, that the British Consular Service, not only in China, but throughout the world, is being re-organised on entirely new lines, as to the form and method of working in future. The old system which we have known so long is to give way to more practical and up-to-date systems which will make our Consular officials far more real help to merchants and exporters in the promotion and expansion of British trade in China and throughout the Far East. We need not remind our readers of the drawbacks of the old system, which was mainly characterised by the annual report, which by the time it got into the hands of the business man was in many cases too late to be of much practical use.

This has for some time been recognised by the authorities who have been engaged in perfecting arrangements, which, when carried into effect, will, it is believed, mean a complete revolution of the Consular Service as we have known it in the past. To begin with, the annual report is to give way to quarterly reports, which must naturally result in the provision of more up-to-date information. Further, these quarterly reports are to be more or less standardised, that is to say, the Consular in each case will be required to give certain classes of information concerning the trade of their respective localities. The questions to which they will supply answers have been carefully determined upon, with a view to providing the details and facts which merchants and manufacturers are most likely to want to know in opening up and extending their business with China. Briefly stated, the reports will show the volume and nature of trade in the various districts, the names of the local firms and sufficient particulars to enable exporters to judge their suitability, the competition to be encountered at the points in which British goods fail in comparison with those adopted by competing firms, and any other details of importance. These quarterly reports will necessarily contain information of a more or less confidential character concerning the standing of foreign firms, and therefore will not be issued to the public, as were the old China Consular reports. The information they will contain is for the eyes of our own traders, and not those of their competitors, and much of it will be of a character that could not be put into a printed report for everyone to peruse.

We naturally cannot go into further details, but we have said sufficient to indicate that British traders will in future have at their service a frequent supply of live and useful Consular reports, dealing with all matters affecting their business relations with China in a way that was impossible under the old system. For many reasons we may regret the disappearance of the published Consular reports, but, after all, their main object was to assist the promotion of British trade, and there can be no question it should be better realised by the plan now to be adopted. A very complete method of circulation amongst business men can be effected through the existing Chambers of Commerce and other commercial bodies, who are fully co-operating in the scheme with a view to making it a complete success. The department concerned in these important innovations in the Consular Service is the Foreign Trade Department of the Foreign Office, which is working in active co-operation with the Commercial Intelligence Branch of the Board of Trade, which has already done good work to assist in the promotion of British commerce. For the rest we understand it is proposed to increase the number of Commercial Attachés in China from two to four, and from the reports of these officials an annual report will be prepared on the whole trade of China, which will be printed and issued as a public document. We are very pleased, after our recent criticism, to find that the British authorities concerned, so far from drifting, were acting with energy and foresight with a view to taking all steps to enable British traders to compete successfully in after-the-war trade.

Certificate is to be forwarded by the Divisional Surgeon to Dr. Koch, District Surgeon. Officers in Charge of Divisions will, on receiving such Certificates, make careful inquiry into the character and general fitness of the candidates before recommending them for admission.

(Sd.) R. RALPHS

(Officer in Charge of District)

Hongkong, April 6th, 1917.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEERS.

ORDERS BY LIEUT.-COL. A. CHAPMAN, V.D.

JOINED.
The undermentioned, having joined the Corps, are allotted Corps numbers and posted to Engineer Company:—
No. 2084 Spr. J. C. Lang; No. 2086 Spr. J. W. Faulkner; No. 2088 Bugler J. G. Kynoch.

LEAVE.
No. 210 C.S.M. A. J. Mackie is granted 10 months' leave from 31.5.17.
No. 1542 Pte. G. Perkins is granted 10 months' leave from 3.4.17.
No. 1906 Spr. J. H. Gordon is granted 3 months' leave from 4.4.17.

TRANSFERRED.
No. 1518 Pte. E. J. Edwards is transferred from Civil Service Company to Belchers 6th Section, dated 5.4.17.
No. 1531 Pte. A. Keith, having left the Colony and resigned, is struck off the Corps from 2.4.17.

REGISTRATION OF PERSONS ORDINANCE, 1910.

Every member of the Corps must register himself, and those of his family, if any, who are 18 years old or over, within the next 5 days under the Registration of Persons Ordinance, 1910. The necessary forms, which are to be forwarded to the Captain Superintendent of Police, when completed, can be obtained from Volunteer Headquarters.

PARADES.

Friday, 6th inst.:—

All parades cancelled.

Tuesday, 10th inst.:—

7.30 a.m. Belchers 6th Section (sub-sections 3 and 4 only) at Belchers Battery.

3.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters.

5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.15 p.m. Signalling Section, "A" and "B" classes, at Wellington Barracks.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Wednesday, 11th inst.:—

5.10 p.m. Adjutant's Parade on Polo Ground. Left, Centre and Right Sections M.G. Co., Scouts Co., and Civil Service Co. outside Courts of Justice and proceed by car to Polo Ground. Senior Officers need not attend.

Thursday, 12th inst.:—

5.15 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

Friday, 13th inst.:—

7.30 a.m. Belchers 6th Section (sub-sections 2 and 3 only) at Belchers Battery.

5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units on Murray Parade Ground. C.S.M. Mitchell, Corps. Grimes and Edgcombe will attend.

5.30 p.m. Signalling Section, "A" and "B" classes, at Wellington Barracks.

5.30 p.m. Artillery Battery (except members coming off and going on guard) at Belchers Battery.

DETAILS.

On duty 15th inst.—Scouts Co.

" " 17th "—Civil Service Co.

" " 15th "—Centre Sec. M.G. Co.

" " 19th "—Right Sec. M.G. Co.

" " 20th "—Scouts Co.

" " 21st "—do.

Ordinary Officer from 15th to 21st inst.—Lieut. Rees.

ANNUAL INSPECTION OF ARMS.

All rifles and Bayonets which have not already been returned to Headquarters for examination must be sent in to-day.

A. F. CHURCHILL, Capt.,
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.

NOTICE.

Sergeants' Mess.

Members attending the Annual Dinner on the 14th instant should send in their names, together with those of their guests, to the Hon. Sec., Sergeant Mess H.K.V.C., not later than Wednesday, 11th inst.

Hongkong, April 6th, 1917.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

COMPANY PARADES, CENTRAL, 5.30 P.M.

Tuesday, April 10th—Whole of No. 2 Company.

Wednesday, April 11th—Whole of No. 1 Company.

Thursday, April 12th—Whole of No. 3 Company.

Members of these Companies who have not yet drawn Rifles will do so prior to the parades.

(Sgd.) F. C. JENKIN,
D.S.P. (R.).

Hongkong, April 6th, 1917.

SHANGHAI SEREMBAN RUBBER ESTATES, LD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The second annual general meeting of the Shanghai Seremban Rubber Estates, Ltd., was held on March 30th at the offices of Messrs. Hugo Reiss & Co., secretaries and managers.

Mr. C. W. Wrightson, who presided, pointed out that whereas the accounts showed a net profit of Tls. 13,083.76, the actual profit on the working for the 10 months under review was really larger, as the cost of putting the estate into first class order, which was \$15,000 and as mentioned in the prospectus was to be provided out of working capital was apportioned between revenue and capital.

Apart from this overcharge to revenue they must also bear in mind that exchange, which averaged at Tls. 77.25 to \$100 Straits currency, had militated against a better showing, but on the whole he thought that the result might be regarded as satisfactory.

The payment of a dividend of four per cent. per share on the capital for the 10 months ended December 31st was authorised.

(Sd.) R. RALPHS

(Officer in Charge of District)

Hongkong, April 6th, 1917.

"EGO SUM RESURREXIT ET VITA."

(GOOD FRIDAY AND EASTER, 1917.)

I.

What voice speaks loudest in our hearts to-day?

What music is there ringing o'er the Earth?

Only the sounds that echo from the Cross Self-sacrifice, and love of untold worth.

II.

What stories can be written of this day,

What wealth there is in that redeeming love,

The Golden light that lit Him to the Cross

Shines on our brothers from the home above.

III.

What grander thought on this the day of days?

What greater hope strikes stronger than before?

The story of the Cross cries out aloud:

"I am the Master, and My Word is Law."

IV.

What is our duty as we kneel to pray?

What is our prayer for those the Cross was made?

The very prayer that Christ sent up to God—

"Father, forgive them," tho' they've disobeyed.

V.

What is the worth of all this seeming sorrow?

What are the tears that fall from every eye?

The story of the Cross is being written;

The lesson will be shown us by and by.

VI.

What is the story of the Easter morning?

What are the Alleluias ringing out to-day?

"Ego sum resurrectio et vita!"

I am the Master. I am Christ! The Way.

VII.

What is the mystery resting on the Altar?

What is the Blood we drink, the bread we eat?

It tells us Christ is ever interceding,

And stands for Right at His great Mercy seat.

VIII.

What will the final Easter morning show us?

What be the story when the dead arise?

The story that the Cross has won the battle,

That men have won the crown by sacrifice.

HONGKONG RESERVES.

ORDERS BY MAJOR WALKMAN, O.C., H.K.V.C.

APPOINTMENT.

The following extract from the Hongkong Government Gazette 30th March, 1917, is published for information:—

H.E. the Governor has been pleased to appoint Major Henry Arthur Morgan, 16th Infantry, to be Inspecting Officer of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps and of the Hongkong Volunteer Reserve, with effect from the 24th March, 1917.

DETAILS.

On duty from the morning of Sunday, 8th April, to the morning of Sunday, 15th April—"A" Co. H.K.V.C. Orderly Officer—Lt. H. B. Hancock. Next for duty—H.K.V.C.

PARADES FOR THE WEEK ENDING 14TH APRIL.

Tuesday, 10th inst.:—

Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Wednesday, 11th inst.:—

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osorry. Dress: Drill order.

Signalling Sections: "A" Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor L/Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Thursday, 12th inst.:—

Sergeants will attend a class of Instruction in Bayonet Fighting at Scandal Point at 6.15 p.m. Dress: Drill order.

Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5.15 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Osorry. Dress: Drill order.

HONGKONG LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

ADMISSION OF GERMANS AFTER THE WAR.

POWERS OF THE OFFICIAL MAJORITY.

A meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council was held yesterday at the Council Chamber.

The following were present:—
His Excellency the Governor, Sir FRANCIS HARTY MAY, K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major-General F. VENTRIS (General Officer Commanding Troops in China).

Hon. Mr. CLAUD SEVERN, C.M.G. (Colonial Secretary).

Hon. Mr. J. H. KEMP (Attorney-General).

Hon. Mr. E. E. HALLIVAX (Secretary for Chinese Affairs).

Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G. (Director of Public Works).

Hon. Mr. C. McI. MESSER (Captain Superintendent of Police).

Hon. Mr. Wai YUK, C.M.G.

Hon. Mr. H. E. POLLOCK, K.O.

Hon. Mr. E. SHILLIN.

Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. C. E. ANTON.

Hon. Mr. J. A. E. BULLOCK (Clerk of Councils).

MINUTES.

The minutes of the last meeting were confirmed.

FINANCE.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY laid on the table Finance Minute No. 11, and moved that it be referred to the Finance Committee.

Hon. Mr. Wai YUK seconded, and this was agreed to.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY also laid on the table report of proceedings of Finance Committee, No. 3, and moved that it be adopted.

Hon. Mr. Wai YUK seconded, and this was agreed to.

QUESTIONS AND NOTICE OF MOTION BY

HON. MR. HOLYOAK.

Hon. Mr. HOLYOAK.—Sir, I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the Council I shall move the following resolution:—It is the opinion of this Council that it is in the best interest of the Colony of Hongkong that persons of German nationality should be excluded therefrom for a period of at least 10 years following the declaration of peace; and that, subsequently, they be only admitted into the Colony under strict licence.

I also beg to give notice that I shall ask the following questions:—

1.—Will the Government state whether the attention of the Secretary of State for the Colonies is especially drawn on all occasions to motions made by unofficial members which have been defeated by the use of the Official Majority against the unanimous vote of unofficial members of Council?

2.—Will the Government also state whether on all occasions when a Bill, or any part of a Bill, is passed by the use of the Official Majority against the unanimous vote of the unofficial members of Council, a special explanation is given to the Secretary of State of the Colonies to justify the use of the Official Majority, and are the circumstances of different cases fully set forth in a special despatch?

3.—Will the Government state when the German Bank and other "immovable" German private property will be sold by public auction?

4.—Having regard to the fact that the German Bank property has already been advertised for the prescribed period of three months, will it be considered necessary to advertise it again for any period longer than a few days?

MERCHANT SHIPPING.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL moved the second reading of a Bill intituled, "An Ordinance to amend the Merchant Shipping Ordinances, 1899-1913." In doing so he said:—The abnormal state of things occasioned by the circumstances of the present war have caused a shortage in the number of competent and suitable officers, deck officers, and engineers for steamers, and this Bill proposes to relax the ordinary peace requirements with regard to such officers in the case of river steamers not exceeding 400 tons. It is obvious, of course, that any relaxation of these peace conditions can be better effected in the case of river steamers than in the case of ocean-going vessels. The effect of Section 2 of the Bill will be that in future river steamers not exceeding 400 tons net registered tonnage will be able

to proceed on their voyages with a master and three Chinese pilots. The present requirements are a master and a certificated officer. The section also provides that such river steamers will be enabled to proceed on their voyages if they have on board one qualified engineer and one engineer holding a certificate of competency granted by the Harbour Master, providing the Harbour Master approves of the man; that he is suitable for this kind of employment. At present, steamers of over 100 horse-power have to carry a certificated engineer; in fact the vessel should carry two engineers holding proper certificates. If this Bill is passed these steamers will be enabled to sail with one fully qualified engineer and one master holding a local certificate, if he has the special approval of the Harbour Master for these certificates. That, Sir, is one object of the Bill. The second object is to enable regulations to be made so as to require launches at present not licensed to re-licence. It is not intended to require purely pleasure motor-launches or launches to take out a licence, but owners of launches which deal in trade and carry on business will in future, if this Bill is passed by hon. members, be required to take out a licence and to pay a licence fee. As that amendment has involved alterations in Section 37 of the principal Ordinance, as there were certain other details in the Section which required amendment, the Section is by this Bill repealed, and a further Section substituted containing those amendments in detail. Opportunity has also been taken of transferring to the regulations certain amending provisions, which really are more appropriate to regulations than to an Ordinance. The draft of the regulations proposed to be made in this Bill were published in the Gazette on Friday last. The third object of the Bill, which is dealt with in Clause 4, is to give the Governor-in-Council power to make regulations for the purpose of prohibiting, restricting, regulating and controlling in any manner whatsoever, the embarkation or landing of persons or things on or from vessels of all kinds. That power has been suggested by the circumstances arising out of the present war, but it seems one which the Governor-in-Council ought properly to possess, and it is therefore placed in this Ordinance instead of being made part of the existing war legislation which is enacted by the different powers. As a matter of fact the Governor-in-Council has certain powers of regulation and control, but they are not general. It is thought better to give a general power which will cover everything. I beg to move the second reading.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—It seems, Sir, from the Objects and Reasons that Clause 2 of this Bill is necessary. But I think it must be obvious to everybody that it is undesirable as a general principle that there should be only one European officer in charge of the dock and one European officer in the engine-room in view of the possibility of collision with another steamer, fire, internal disturbances on board of any kind, and piratical attack from the outside. Therefore, Sir, I venture to express the hope that as soon as possible after the present conditions, which render it difficult to get European officers, close, this Clause 2 may be repealed. I see, Sir, it is proposed to make it in force during the continuance of the present war, and thereafter for only such time as may be appointed by order of the Governor-in-Council. As I have said, Sir, I think it is very desirable that this provision should not be in force in this Colony even until the end of the war, assuming that the conditions before the end of the war are such that it is reasonably possible to have an European master and an European second engineer on these steamers. I think we must all feel that this Bill will leave the steamers very short-handed as regards European officers in the event of any such contingency as I have mentioned.

His Excellency—I think we all must recognise that this is an emergency measure, and as it is extremely unlikely that the number of certificated officers will increase before the end of the war, I think it is better to leave the Section as it stands. We quite realise that there are many objections to having only one dock officer and one engineer in charge. The Council then went into Committee to consider the Bill Clause by Clause.

The following addition was made to the first marginal note, "Ordinance No. 10 of 1899, and 25 of 1913."

On Clause 2.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL remarked that even after war concluded it would not be possible to suddenly change the regulations on that point. Some period would have to elapse before other arrangements could be made.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK.—Could not the section remain in force until such time as it may seem fit to be altered by order of the Governor-in-Council?

(Continued at foot of next column.)

FOOTPATH OBSTRUCTION. CHARGE AGAINST WING ON CO. DISMISSED.

Yesterday Traffic Inspector Garrod had a large number of cases of traffic obstruction before Mr. Melbourne at the Magistracy. Among the parties summoned were the proprietors of the Wing On Company, who were charged with obstructing the footpath in front of their premises in De Vaux Road, Central, by exhibiting effigies, miniature ships, and a landscape in their shop windows, which caused a crowd to assemble.

Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, solicitor, appeared for the defendants.

Inspector Garrod deposed to having watched the obstruction for ten minutes, and said that the footpath in front of the windows was completely blocked, preventing free passage and causing a nuisance to the public.

In reply to Mr. Bowley, witness said it was not necessary that he should bring forward members of the public to say that the obstruction had proved a nuisance to them. That had been decided in previous cases.

Mr. Bowley, addressing the Court on behalf of his clients, said the Police regulations as to traffic were such that, in order to found a charge of obstruction, they must go back to common law, and the decisions under common law clearly showed that in order to constitute an offence there must be a nuisance to the public. That had not been proved here.

All that had been proved was that, for the brief space of ten minutes, the footpath in front of his clients' shop windows had been obstructed. But neither the charge nor the evidence said anything about the street, which at this point was some sixty feet wide. Suppose a person or persons did obstruct a footpath for the space of ten minutes, that did not of itself constitute a public nuisance, and what his Worship had to decide was whether the amount of obstruction alleged here amounted to a nuisance. He respectfully submitted his clients were carrying on their business in a usual way, and were only doing what was necessary to show that they had such articles for sale in their premises.

Mr. Melbourne—Discharged, with a caution.

His Excellency—I do not think an amended Clause would be any better. This Clause emphasises the fact that it is for the continuance of the war.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL—That is the intention of the wording. It is a war measure.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY—It is merely legislation made until the conclusion of the war. Then the conditions existing at present will be changed.

Hon. Mr. POLLOCK—Then it had better stay as it is. If necessary, we can ask for it to be repealed at some future date.

Clause 2 carried, and Council resumed.

The ATTORNEY-GENERAL then moved that the Bill be read a third time.

The COLONIAL SECRETARY seconded, and the Bill was then read a third time and passed.

His Excellency—Council stands adjourned until this day fortnight.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

A meeting of the Finance Committee followed, the COLONIAL SECRETARY presiding.

ROWLOON WATER WORKS.

The Governor recommended the Council to vote a sum of seven hundred and ten dollars (\$710) in aid of the Public Works, Extraordinary, Kowloon Water Works, (44) Miscellaneous Water Works.

The CHAIRMAN—In the estimate for the current year there is a vote of \$3,000 under Public Works—Extraordinary, Kowloon Water Works. It is proposed to expend that amount in getting a street fountain, at a cost of about \$100, and to build a perforated tile invert for one of the filters at a cost of \$3,000. These two works have caused an excess on the vote of \$710. I will ask the Director of Public Works to explain what is the urgency of the perforated tile invert, which will justify Council in passing the vote.

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—The reason for it is, Sir, that this particular filter bed must be dealt with at the present time. It is leaking rather badly, and in need of repairs, and in order to effect the necessary repairs it must be entirely emptied. This new perforated tile invert will be substituted for a large quantity of broken stones which has hitherto been used in the filtering material in the filter beds. It is considered that the perforated tiles will effect a better filtration than the broken stones hitherto used, and will be broken more easily handled. And instead of postponing the introduction of these tiles it is desirable to apply them now, because delay will add considerably to the expense if the old materials have to be used until some future date and the tiles then substituted.

The CHAIRMAN—Will the use of the tiles effect any saving in labour in cleaning the filter beds?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—It will in course of time. Of course they are not very often taken out, but they are from time to time.

The CHAIRMAN—It will cost less to clean the filter beds with these tiles?

The DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS—Yes. The vote was agreed to.

HONGKONG MAGISTRACY. FOOD PROSECUTION.

A Chinese was charged before Mr. Melbourne with exposing for sale, or having in his possession, pork which was unfit for human consumption. Dr. Gibson, Government Veterinary Surgeon, prosecuted. The defendant was represented by Mr. C. E. H. Beavin, solicitor, who applied for a remand. This was granted, bail being fixed at \$100.

A SAMPAN TRANSACTION.

A sampan woman, who was charged before Mr. Wood with attempting to import a quantity of sugar into the Colony, declared that it was the property of a man who had hired her sampan to come ashore from a ship. On reaching the shore the man said he had no money and gave her the sugar in lieu of hire.

The Magistrate imposed a fine of \$5, or, in default of payment, seven days' hard labour.

ATTEMPT TO BRIBE A CONSTABLE.

A Chinese street hawker, who had not taken out a licence to ply his trade, was challenged by a constable, whom he attempted to bribe with the offer of 75 cents. The constable declined the offer, and took his tempter into custody. Yesterday the latter was brought before Mr. Melbourne and was fined \$2 for hawking without a licence, and \$25 for offering a bribe.

ALLEGED THEFT OF CARGO CHAIN HSLING.

A coolie was found in the possession of a steamer's cargo chain-sling by the police in Yau-mai, and, when questioned, said it had been given to him by a man belonging to a vessel in Yau-mai Bay. Investigation showed, however, that it was the property of the N.Y.K. stevedore, and the defendant was the latter's head foki. In Court, yesterday, the defendant admitted having taken the chain away from the coolie-house, and said he intended to pawn it for food.

Mr. Wood adjourned the case till Tuesday in order to have the ownership of the chain proved; bail being fixed at \$100.

BANDISH SENTENCED FOR LARCENY.

A Chinese, charged before Mr. Wood with the theft of a quantity of clothing from a house, was also stated to have returned from banishment before the expiry of his term. Defendant admitted the theft, and said he had committed the crime in order to get food, as he could obtain no work. Sentence of one month's hard labour was passed for the theft.

In connection with the return from banishment, it was stated that at Singapore, defendant had been sentenced to one month's hard labour and banishment for life. He was sent to Canton and returned to Hongkong, where he was convicted of robbery and sentenced to twelve months' hard labour and banishment for twenty years. He returned to Hongkong three days ago.

Mr. Wood remanded the case till Saturday.

THE EXPLOSIVES CASE.

Yesterday afternoon Mr. Wood heard the conclusion of the evidence in the charge against a Chinese woman of having in her possession two bomb cases, a quantity of potassium chlorate, a coil of fuse and a lead bullet.

Evidence was given of the articles being found in the house of the defendant's sister, where they had been placed by defendant.

Defendant admitted having taken the articles to her sister's house. They had been given her by a man who had since left the place. The accusation against her was false, as she had never seen the articles till they were given her. In the absence of the man nothing could be done for her. She was in trouble and she could do nothing more.

Defendant was committed to the next Quarter Sessions.

FALSE PRETENCES.

A Yau-mai Chinese was charged, at the instance of Inspector Gerrard, with having (1) feloniously and by means of false pretences obtained sums of \$3, \$5, and \$10 from another Chinese in Yau-mai; and (2) attempted, by false pretences, to obtain a sum of \$21.

The case for the prosecution was that defendant pretended that he was in a position to secure a railway signalman's job for the complainant, and promised to obtain it for him. On the strength of these false representations he prevailed upon the complainant to give him the \$18 mentioned in the first charge. The attempt to induce complainant to give an additional \$21 proved the last charge, and complainant reported the matter to the police.

Defendant said he was approached by the complainant, who asked him to endeavour to get him a job on the railway, and gave him \$3. That was all the money he received, and it was given to him spontaneously by the complainant.

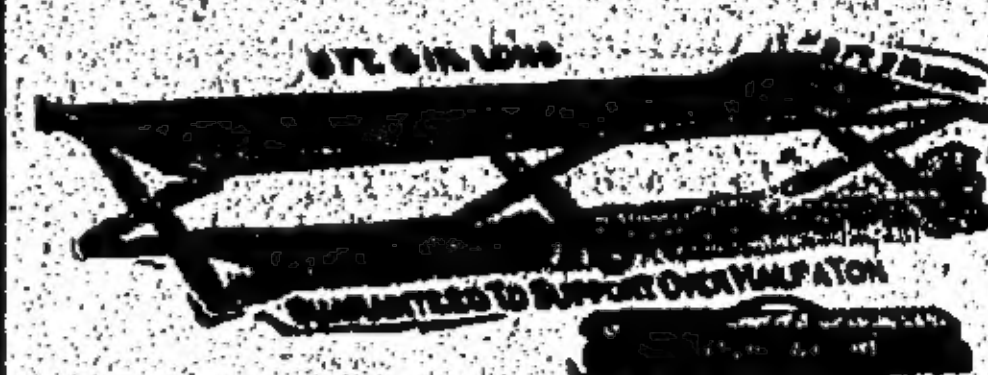
Mr. Wood, after hearing the evidence, passed sentences of six weeks' imprisonment, with hard labour, for each offence.

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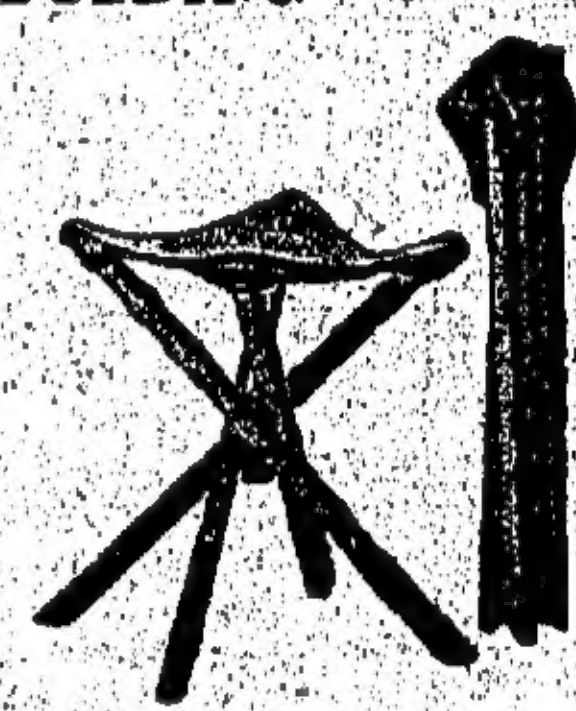
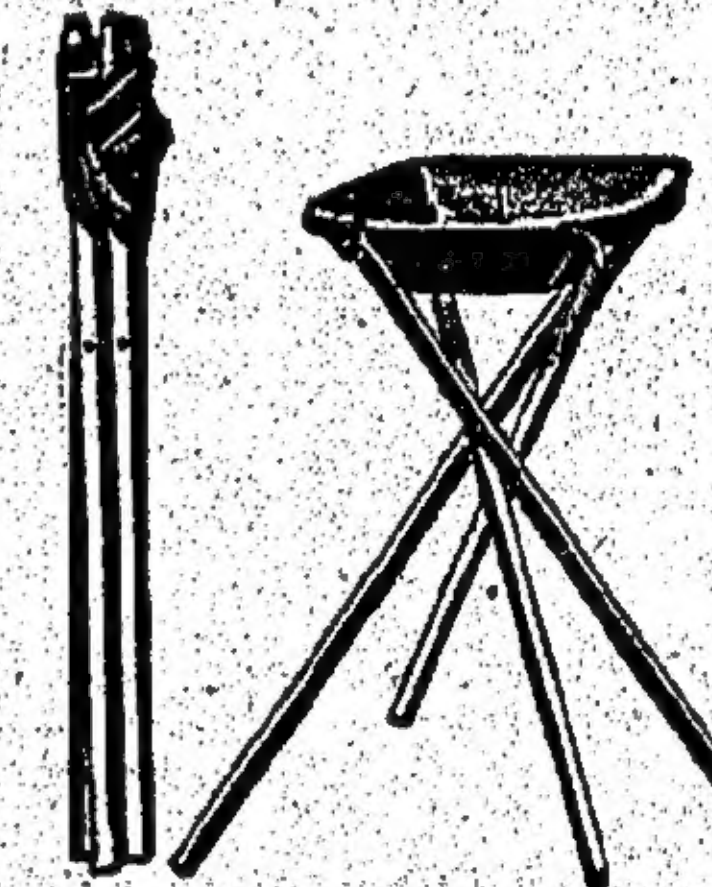
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By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1917. [487]

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Hongkong, 5th April, 1917. [488]

LUSITANO RECREATION CLUB.

ELEVENTH ATHLETIC MEETING

PATRONS.—H.E. Sir FRANCIS HENRY MAT, K.C.M.G., H.E. Major-General F. VENTRIS, His Lordship Bishop D. POZZONI, Commodore H. G. SANDERSON, R.N., Hon. Mr. W. CHATHAM, C.M.G., Consul E. V. M. R. JOURA.

The Committee has much pleasure in inviting the Ladies and Gentlemen of the Colony to their SPORTS at the Race Course (by kind permission of the Hongkong Jockey Club) on EASTER MONDAY, 9th instant, commencing at 1.30 p.m.

There will be one event—220 yards Championship open to all Bona Fide Amateurs in the Colony under the Rules of A.A.A. 1900.

By kind permission of the Officers of the Band of the 74th Punjab will play during the afternoon.

By courtesy of the Management there will be Special Train Cars.

J. C. BARRETT,
Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 5th April, 1917. [389]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF-YEARLY MEETING of Members will be held on SATURDAY, the 21st April, 1917, at 12 o'clock Noon, at the Office of the Jockey Club, on the Grand Floor of the Hongkong Club Annex, Charter Road.

By Order,
T. F. HUGH,
Clerk of the Course.

Hongkong, 6th April, 1917. [490]

ST. GEORGE'S DAY, APRIL 23rd, 1917.

IN accordance with the Programme arranged by the Committee for the celebration of ST. GEORGE'S DAY, MONDAY, the 23rd inst., a Shakespearean performance will be given at the Theatre Royal, at 9.15 p.m. Applications for seat vouchers, WHICH CAN ONLY BE OBTAINED BY ENGLISHMEN, may be made up to and including THURSDAY, the 12th inst., by sending to the Hon. Sec., Mr. J. BENTLEY, Messrs. THOS. COOK & SON, stating the number of seats required for the applicant and his guests; and these vouchers, which are numbered, will be exchangeable for numbered seat tickets at \$5.00 each ON PAYMENT TO Messrs. MOUTRIE & Co., when the Box Office is open, on and after MONDAY, the 16th inst.

In case applications exceed the accommodation of the Theatre, the vouchers issued will necessarily be for a smaller number of seats than are applied for.

In the Dress Circle, a limited reservation has been made for Official Guests, and other seats have been sold by auction; the remainder of the Dress Circle and the whole of the Stalls will be available.

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ST. GEORGE'S DAY, APRIL 23rd, 1917.

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NOTICE.

S.S. "HARTLEPOOL."

NEITHER the Captain nor the Owners will be responsible for any Debts incurred by any member of the Crew of the above vessel.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1917. [481]

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have from To-day's date severed my connection with MA FUNG SHU, and that he has no authority to sign my name or to collect accounts due in respect of my Business.

Dated Hongkong, 31st March, 1917.
J. OBER CLARK,
Architect and Surveyor.

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HONGKONG TENNIS LEAGUE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING will be held in the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion on THURSDAY, April 12th, at 5.15 p.m. Clubs interested are invited to send representatives.

F. LINDSAY WOODS,
Acting Hon. Secretary.

Hongkong, 4th April, 1917. [480]

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a BILL OF LADING No. 23 dated the 4th January, 1917, for 21 Bales of Cotton Yarn ex s.s. "KAMAKURA" Master, consigned to us by Messrs. Tama Sanyo & Co., from Tokyo, has been LOST, and that the goods have been duly delivered to us and that the Bill of Lading is consequently void and of no effect and no claim can be made thereon by the holder thereof.

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Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

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MARRIAGE.

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ACKNOWLEDGMENT.

The children of the late Mrs. ISABEL LYSAGHT desire to tender their sincerest thanks to their relatives and friends for the expressions of sympathy in their bereavement and for the many beautiful floral tributes sent.

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The Daily Press.

HONGKONG 6TH APRIL, 1917.

HONGKONG AND THE GERMANS.

The next meeting of the Legislative Council promises to be more than usually interesting, for the Hon. Mr. P. H. HOLYOAK will invite the Council to express the opinion that it is in the best interest of the Colony that persons of German nationality should be excluded from Hongkong for a period of at least ten years after the declaration of peace, and that, subsequently, they should be admitted only under strict licence.

The policy outlined in this resolution is not a new one, for it has been advocated in other parts of the British Dominions, and represents the settled conviction of the local Chamber of Commerce. The subject was referred to at the annual meeting of the Chamber in 1916 by the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. D. LINDALE, in the following terms:—"It is, we know, the view of some people that an injury would be done to Hongkong if any restrictions were placed upon any particular class of traders, and that they would merely go and do their business elsewhere. We cannot agree with this, and are inclined to hold the view that the position of

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If German traders cannot be excluded altogether from British Possessions, let us hope that they will only return under the strictest form of licence." Similarly, Mr. G. T. EDKINS, who presided over the annual meeting of the Chamber last month, after remarking that the events of the past year had only served to strengthen the opinion that the return of enemy subjects to our midst would be a grave source of danger, went on to say: "I know of no other question in the problems of the future which excites higher feeling and the strongest possible views among your Committee. It is surely not too much to hope, and even to expect, that the privilege of return to this Colony should be withheld from the enemy for a substantial period after the declaration of peace." It will thus be seen that Mr. HOLYOAK has behind him a very strong and influential body of considered public opinion. In the light of previous experience it is extremely improbable, we think, that his motion will be adopted, for the Government has hitherto resolutely refused to concern itself with matters involving questions of Imperial policy. It is, however, just possible in the present case that, as it is merely asked to express an opinion and not to initiate legislation, the Government may acquiesce. The object of the unofficial members is not, of course, to embarrass the Government, but to bring the views of the community directly before the notice of the Secretary of State for the Colonies. How far this object is likely to be attained if the motion should be rejected it is difficult to say. In the hope of obtaining some enlightenment upon this point, Mr. HOLYOAK has announced his intention of asking whether the attention of the Secretary of State is especially drawn by the Government to all cases in which the unanimous vote of the unofficial members is defeated by the official majority, and whether the circumstances which are held to justify the opposition of the official majority are always fully set forth in a special despatch. If it should be found that a verbatim report of each meeting of the Council is sent, without comment, to the Colonial Office, there to be perused as a matter of routine by one of the clerks, it is probable that more effective methods will be employed for ensuring that the wishes of the commercial community shall receive the consideration to which they are entitled from the Imperial authorities.

As to-day is Good Friday there will not be any further issue of *The Hongkong Daily Press* until Monday, unless any important cables should arrive in the meantime, in which case they will be published in a special edition, as usual, on Sunday morning.

The Fire and Marine Insurance offices will be closed to-day, to-morrow and Monday.

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Captain G. L. Lambe, R.N., who has just been promoted to that rank, commanded the destroyer *Oiler* and the despatch ship *Alacrity* on the China Station from July, 1910, to March, 1913.

Captain and Commodore G. M. Paine, C.B., M.V.O., who served a Commission or two on the China Station, has just been added to the Admiralty Board, as fifth Sea Lord and will have under his control the Naval Air Service.

During the week ending April 5th, six cases of small-pox were reported in the Colony (one British and the rest Chinese) of which five cases proved fatal. In the same period there were three non-fatal Chinese cases of enteric fever, and one fatal Chinese case of diphtheria.

At the Hongkong Summary Court yesterday, while a day for hearing was being fixed, Mr. E. W. Davidson remarked:—That day, my Lord

THE WAR.

AMERICA'S DECISION:

THE SPEECHES AT THE SENATE:

A CHORUS OF APPROVAL.

THE ANGLO-FRENCH DRIVE:

CONTINUOUS PROGRESS.

RUSSIAN DEVELOPMENTS.

Franco-Belgian front.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

FRENCH FRONT.

GERMANS DRIVEN BACK AND HUSTLED.

London, April 4th.
A French communiqué states:—Notwithstanding furious snow squalls and soaked ground we drove the enemy back on the whole front from the Somme and the Oise, and threw him back beyond a most important dominating position marked by the villages of Grugies, Urvillers and Moy, which we brilliantly carried.

North of the Farm of La Folie the Germans, hustled by our irresistible attack, precipitately quitted three lines of trenches protected by wire entanglements, abandoning wounded and considerable material.

South of Ailette the situation is unchanged. In the region of Margival-la-Faux there has been a violent artillery duel. On the eve of our long range guns caught enemy detachments in the station at Vignevilles.

EARLIER CABLES.
FRENCH ADVANCE.
FURTHER CAPTURES.

London, April 4th.
A French communiqué says:—East and west of the Somme, after a violent artillery preparation, we attacked an enemy position south of the line Castres-Essigny-dumy from Epine de Dallon to the Oise, and attained our objective, despite desperate resistance.

We carried, on a front of thirteen kilometres, a series of strong points, solidly organised and held by large forces. We captured Epine de Dallon, and the villages of Dallon, Giffecourt, and Cerisy, and several heights south of Novillers. South of the Ailette, we continued to progress in the region of Laffaux, of which we hold the south and north-western outskirts. We also carried Vauxehy, and gained a footing west and north thereof. Our batteries caught a German column marching towards Rataux mill.

The enemy violently bombarded Rheims, into which they threw over two thousand shells, killing several civilians.

AT THE SUBURB OF ST. QUENTIN.

London, April 4th.
A French communiqué states:—We continued our advance east and west of the Somme along the entire front attacked by us yesterday. Our reconnaissances pushed forward beyond Dallon as far as the south-western suburb of St. Quentin. We reached the southern edge of Gruges, north-east of Castres, and entirely captured the village of Moy, on the Oise, on our right.

The enemy artillery has violently reacted, notably in the region of Essigny. The fight continued south of the Ailette as far as the village of Laffaux, into which we penetrated, despite the obstinate resistance of the enemy, who is defending himself foot by foot.

Our fire smashed up with heavy losses German counter-attacks south of Vauxehy.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, April 4th.
A German official wireless message says:—To the west of St. Quentin, the French paid heavily for ground gained. We brought down nine aeroplanes and two balloons.

BRITISH ADVANCE.

DETERMINED ENEMY ATTACK FOILED.

London, April 4th.
Field-Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: The enemy's determined attempt, last night to recover the guns captured on Monday, failed. All six were brought in.

We captured the village of Metz en Couture, taking prisoners. Fighting continues to the east of the village and in the neighbourhood of Havriacourt Wood.

Five of our aeroplanes are missing. The captures made to the south-east of Arras on Monday are now seventy-two prisoners, seventeen machine-guns, and four trench mortars.

Naval Activities.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SUBMARINISM.

WEEK'S BRITISH SHIPPING RETURN.

London, April 4th.
The Admiralty has issued the following report:—Arrivals for a week, 2,231; sailings, 2,398; sunk—over 1,500 tons, 18, under 1,600 tons, 13; unsuccessfully attacked, 17; fishing-boats sunk, 6.

The Admiralty announces that a mine-sweeper of the old type was mined, and sank, on the 3rd instant. Twenty four of the crew are missing.

ITALIAN RETURNS.

London, April 4th.
An Italian Naval communiqué states that during the week ending 1st instant, 432 merchantmen arrived and 458 left Italy. Six Italian sailers were sunk, of which five were under 100 tons.

EARLIER CABLES.

PIRACY.

THE "ALNWICK CASTLE"

London, April 4th.
Reuter announces that another boat from the Alnwick Castle has been picked up. The survivors, numbering nineteen, including the captain, the chief engineer, the doctor and the purser, have been landed at New York.

Altogether 116 have been saved, fifteen have died and twenty-five are missing.

The Balkans.

EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

IN MACEDONIA.

BULGARIA AND THE RUSSIAN REVOLUTION.

London, April 4th.
Reuter's correspondent at the French Headquarters in Macedonia, says that in view of Bulgarian-German misrepresentations regarding the Russian Revolution, French aviators dropped pamphlets in the Bulgarian lines, stating the facts, and calling upon the Bulgarians to imitate Russia's example and shake off German influence, which is leading Bulgaria to destruction.

It would not be very surprising if the events in Russia led to a reaction in Bulgaria, where M. Mitinkoff, who has spent many years in exile, enjoys great influence. He is leading Bulgaria to destruction.

MONASTIR BOMARDED. MANY CASUALTIES.

London, April 4th.
A Serbian communiqué states:—The enemy violently bombarded Monastir with asphyxiating shells. Forty-seven of the population were killed and twenty wounded. A large number of houses was destroyed.

Russian Front.

EARLIER CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

ENEMY ACROSS THE STOKHOD.

HEAVY RUSSIAN LOSSES.

London, April 4th.
A Russian official message says: We throw back the enemy, who temporarily occupied trenches in the regions south of Illukst.

South of Krevo, the enemy heavily bombarded with chemical shells our positions on river passages on the Stokhod. In the region of Stokhod-Golena station, he discharged thirteen gas waves, which pressed back our troops.

The German crossed the Stokhod north-east of Glenia. In retiring across, the Stokhod some of our detachments lost heavily.

We occupied three rows of enemy trenches six miles to the west of Rafailova.

We frustrated a Bulgarian attempt to cross the Georgiev branch of the Danube.

GERMAN REPORT.

London, April 4th.
A German wireless official message says:—We captured the bridgehead of Toby, on the Middle Stokhod, with much booty.

General.

LATEST CABLES.
[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

EMIGRATION FROM INDIA.

INTER-DEPARTMENTAL CONFERENCE.

London, April 4th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Austen Chamberlain stated that an Inter-Departmental Conference, in which the Government of India would be represented, would be held in London in May to discuss the question of the abolition of indentured emigration from India. Meanwhile he had become necessary to stop indentured emigration in order not to interfere with military recruiting in India. The Viceroy had informed him (Mr. Chamberlain) that he and the Government of India wished that the indentured system of recruitment should not be resumed.

IMPERIAL WAR CONFERENCE.

MESSAGE FROM THE KING.

London, April 4th.
The Press Bureau announces that His Majesty the King has sent a message to the Imperial War Conference, thanking that body for the assurance of the devoted loyalty of all parts of the Empire. His Majesty states that he is glad that India is represented for the first time on the Council Board. He was well aware of the affection and loyalty of all the Dominions, and had received their loyal resolutions with particular pleasure as the first act of the Conference. He is keenly interested in their deliberations and trusts that the Conference will lead to a closer knitting of the whole Empire and united efforts to bring the war to a victorious conclusion.

SILVER.

London, April 4th.
Silver is quoted at 38. There is only a small business passing, offerings being small, but the market is steady.

OBITUARY.

LORD ALLERTON.

London, April 4th.
The death of Lord Allerton is announced. [The deceased Baron (William Lewis Jackson) was the first Baron of Chapel Allerton. He was Chairman of the Great Northern Railway Company. He filled the post of Financial Secretary to the Treasury from 1885 to 1891, was Chief Secretary for Ireland, 1891-92, and represented North Leeds from 1890 to 1902.]

AMERICAN WAR RESOLUTION. THE SPEECHES IN THE SENATE.

Washington, April 4th.
The speeches in the Senate on the War resolution were characterised by the resoluteness of the utterances in support of it. Senator Hitchcock, the introducer of the motion, strikingly declared his conversion and recalled his previous bitter opposition to war, notwithstanding the overwhelming demand of the people and the view of the majority in Congress. He had besought the President to adhere to the policy of armed neutrality, but the information in President Wilson's possession rendered that impossible. He dwelt on the high-minded purpose inspiring President Wilson's declaration of war, and insisted that the United States was not in the least influenced by a desire to acquire territory, to recover indemnity, or to settle any historic grudge. "The time for discussion had passed and the time for action had arrived."

Senator Swanson said the issue was whether we would accept war or abject, cowardly submission.

Senator Lodge, in an eloquent speech, urged the seizure of German merchant ships in American ports to replace those that had been submerged. He appealed for a sinking of political differences, and urged universal military service. He expressed the hope that it would be possible to send 10,000 regular troops to Europe in order that the United States flag would at least be unfurled in the fields of France. "The worst of all wars," he said, "is a feeble war. If we fight at all we must fight for all we are worth." The speech was loudly cheered.

Four Senators, following, announced their intention of voting against the resolution, but pledged their support of the war once it had begun.

ENTENTE PRESS OPINIONS.

London, April 4th.
The entire Entente Press hails as an event of epoch-making significance President Wilson's decision, and agrees that the speech will go down to history as a most memorable utterance.

The Paris *Figaro* says:—"To-day marks the moment when the whole world grasps the fact that it is impossible to live freely on earth side by side with Germany and her powerful Army."

The *Gauche* says:—"President Wilson's decision is overwhelming for the enemy and most significant for those defending freedom."

The *Matin* refers to President Wilson as a great citizen and thorough statesman, who, despite snares and obstacles, succeeded in bringing a hundred million free citizens to cast their goods and persons into the fray for the triumph of right against absolutism and militarism.

The *Petit Parisien* says:—"America joining the war on the morrow of the Revolution is a final warning to the German people; if, indeed, the latter is capable of understanding this mighty double lesson."

M. Pichon, ex-Minister of Foreign Affairs, writing in the *Petit Journal*, says:—"America will bring to those fighting the leprosy which has been corroding Europe, and which threatens to spread over the world, her invincible strength, her credit and commercial and industrial resources, her Fleet and Army, and great moral power. From to-day the days of death-sentencing mad beasts are numbered."

The *Tribuna*, Rome, says:—"America's entrance seals definitely the character of the world war as that of a democratic alliance against an autocratic alliance."

The *Journal d'Italia*, Rome, says:—"America's step means that the world conflict can only be settled by the triumph of the principles of nationalities, equalities of States and liberties of all, all of which are fundamental principles which the Central Powers desire to crush and persist in declining to recognise."

THE NEWS IN PETROGRAD.

Petrograd, April 4th.
The news caused a great sensation. Speakers explained its significance to crowds of troops and civilians amid wild cheers.

AMERICA'S GIFT TO FRANCE.

POSSIBLY £100,000,000.

London, April 4th.
Reuter has been informed that the United States will probably make a free gift, possibly £100,000,000, sterling, to France, to be considered as repayment of the financial assistance of France during the American Revolution.

IN THE HOUSE OF COMMONS. THE INTERNATIONALISATION OF CONSTANTINOPLE.

London, April 4th.
In the House of Commons Mr. Balfour stated that the Russian Government had said nothing to Britain regarding a statement by the Russian Minister of Justice, that Russia would be content with the internationalisation of Constantinople.

BRITISH LABOUR MEMBERS TO VISIT RUSSIA.

Mr. Bonar Law stated that two Labour Members of the House of Commons were going to visit Russia at the request of the Imperial War Conference with the object of conveying the congratulations and sympathy of British Labour to their comrades in Russia, and encouraging the Russian Government in the prosecution of the war. The Russian Government had stated that the visit would be most welcome. (Cheers.) A similar delegation was going from France.

TRADE CARD SCHEME.

THE IMPERATIVE NEED FOR MEN.

London, April 4th.
The following is part of a cable, the beginning of which had not come to hand when we went to press:—Trade Card Scheme—Mr. J. M. Robertson, at the outset, expressed his great sympathy with Labour, saying that he began at the bottom of the ladder and served several years in the ranks, and claimed to know how the working man looks at labour questions. He proceeded to state that there was an imperative need by the War Office for men, the supply of whom it relied upon the Government to furnish. He does not make the criticism that the War Office does not make the best use of the men it gets. Mistakes had admittedly been made, but he pointed out that this was the natural result of our unpreparedness for war through the absence of the Continental system of organisation. Our faulty system was due to want of foresight and preparation before the war on the part of the nation as a whole.

EARLIER CABLES.
AMERICA AND GERMANY.

COMMENTS ON THE PRESIDENT'S SPEECH.

London, April 4th.
Though the vast potentialities of American aid to the Allies is appreciated, the uppermost feeling produced by President Wilson's speech is one of deep emotion at the moral endorsement of the Allied cause, in a noble and moving tolerance, which, like the voice of humanity, has awakened the conscience of the world to realism—namely, a fight between systems of government and not a quarrel between the peoples. The speech, which is compared with Lincoln's, is a most notable utterance. It is variously described as a new declaration of rights, a new gospel in the governance of mankind, and a fitting sequel to the Russian Revolution. Both events are bound to have the most profound influence on the destinies of nations.

Some papers regard the speech as clinching the arguments for a policy which lately has been much advocated—namely, that there should be no peace with the Hohenstollerns.

The *Daily Chronicle* hopes that the Allies will now officially declare such a policy.

The *Daily Mail* says:—"For the world's security the Germans must be freed, and the despots who incited them with a passion for slaughter and cruelty must be removed."

The *Daily Telegraph* says:—"We take President Wilson to mean that the United States will only conclude peace with the German people when they have abandoned the inhumanities practised under the present regime by intriguers and desperadoes."

NAVAL CO-OPERATION WITH ENTENTE.

Washington, April 4th.
The Navy Department announces that steps are being taken with a view to a working agreement between the American and Entente Navies.

LARGE WAR LOAN TO BE RAISED.

Washington, April 4th.
The Cabinet has considered plans for the raising of a large war loan by popular subscription.

The Senate had to adjourn owing to technical objections raised by the pacifist, Senator La Follette, but the Democratic leaders have decided on continuous sittings to-day, till the resolution is ratified.

PATRIOTIC MR. ROOSEVELT.

Washington, April 4th.
Mr. Roosevelt called at White House to congratulate President Wilson on his speech. He repeated his wish to raise a division of American troops for service in France.

JOY IN PARIS.

Paris, April 4th.
President Wilson's speech has overjoyed Paris. Crowds besieged the newspaper kiosks and struggled for a glimpse of the tapes in cafes.

There were great demonstrations outside the American buildings.

A TIGHTENING BLOCKADE.

London, April 4th.
The immediate tightening of the blockade is regarded as a probable consequence of American intervention, says the *Daily Chronicle*.

AMERICAN AND CHINESE MINISTERS.

London, April 4th.
The American and Chinese Ministers to Brussels, with their staffs, have arrived at Berne.

NEW KEEPER OF THE JEWEL HOUSE.

London, April 4th.
Major General Sir George Young, husband has been appointed Keeper of the Jewel House of the Tower of London, in succession to General Wynne, who has resigned.

DEALING WITH DISABLED SOLDIERS.

London, April 4th.
The Ministry of Labour, in conjunction with the War Pensions Statutory Committee, is establishing Trade Advisory Committees of equal numbers of employers and workpeople's representatives in the principal trades to advise concerning the training and employment of disabled soldiers within these trades. The establishment of these committees is intended to ensure that schemes for training disabled men shall be fully considered by the interests concerned.

BRITAINS FOOD SUPPLY. DRASTIC NEW MEASURES.

London, April 4th.
The Press Bureau announces that Lord Devonport has issued a new Public Meals Order applicable to hotels, clubs, boarding-houses, and other public eating places, declaring a meatless day in London on Tuesday's and elsewhere on Wednesday. There are to be no potatoes, except on meatless days and Fridays, and the Order fixes the following scale:—Four meals daily with two quences of bread, and two sevenths of an ounce of sugar with each meal; meat, two ounces for breakfast, and five ounces each for luncheon and dinner. There is also an allowance of two ounces of flour daily for pastries.

The Order does not apply to boarding-houses having under ten bedrooms, or to eating houses charging a maximum of fifteen pence per meal.

London, April 4th.
In the House of Commons, Mr. Bathurst stated that a further reduction in the consumption of bread was absolutely essential.

AUSTRIA FROM WITHIN. A POLITICAL SCANDAL.

Washington, April 4th.
According to Berlin newspapers, the profiteering case which caused the resignation of Baron Schöck, the Austrian Minister of Justice, is developing into an important political affair.

It transpires that the report of the Court of Inquiry into the case was actually altered by several Ministers without the knowledge of the Court.

Forwards says that the Austrian War Minister has also resigned.

HOLLAND'S BREAD RATION.

London, April 4th.
The daily bread ration in Holland is now nine ounces.

DUTCH MILITARY MEASURES.

The Hague, April 4th.
In the Chamber, in reply to an interpellation regarding the granting of leave to soldiers for agricultural purposes, the War Minister stated that the general situation was such that there could be no question of leave on a large scale.

AFFAIRS IN SPAIN.

London, April 4th.
The situation in Spain appears to be settling down.

NEW RUSSIA.

FRESH ARMY CONTINGENTS ORDERED.

Petrograd, April 4th.
General Guchkov, in an Order, points out that the enemy is preparing for a vigorous offensive on the Russian fronts. He emphasises that the active Army needs fresh contingents, and instructs Commanders and Governors to comb out all except those who are indispensable in the rear, and train them rapidly for service at the front.

EXILES' RETURN.

Petrograd, April 4th.
Six Social Democrat members of the Duma were given an enthusiastic welcome on arrival from Siberian exile.

SEEKING PEACE?

AMSTERDAM, April 4th.
A Berlin message says that the Emperor and Empress of Austria, accompanied by Count Czernin, the Chief of Staff (General Arz v Straussenburg), have arrived at the German Headquarters to visit the Emperor and Empress of Germany.

MR BONAR LAW UNAWARE OF NEW OFFER.

London, April 4th.
In the House of Commons, in reply to Sir William P. Byles, Mr. Bonar Law said that he was not aware that the Central Powers had suggested any peace terms.

MAN POWER.

MORE DRASTIC MEASURES NECESSARY.

London, April 4th.
In the House of Commons, a third reading of the Military Service Bill for a review of exemptions was passed by 137 votes to 19.

The House of Lords also passed the Bill for reviewing military exemptions, without amendment.

Lord Derby said he was certain that large and more drastic measures would have to be taken to supply men for the Army. The men required could be got without despoiling any vital industry.

MR. PAUL DUFALT'S CONCERT.

Mr. Paul Dufault achieved another triumph at the Theatre Royal last night. The songs in French and English which he selected for this occasion afforded greater scope than those of the opening night of his visit for the full exercise of his splendid voice. His interpretation of the Prayer from Massenet's "Le Cid" was an especially fine performance. Other outstanding items in a delightful and varied programme, every item of which was encased, were "J'ai pleuré et revê," "Morning," and "Mother of Mine." He achieved his greatest success, however, with his spirited rendering of "The Trumpeter," which threw the audience into an ecstasy. In response to a rapturous recall he gave the "Marsellaise." Mr. Dufault was admirably supported by Miss Pauline Bindley, a gifted soprano, who contributed two selections from Grand Opera—one in conjunction with Mr. Dufault—and a number of ballads with great charm and feeling; and by Mr. Ernest Emson, who, in addition to accompanying the vocalists, gave several brilliantly executed pianoforte solos.

The next concert will be given on Saturday evening.

A HOUSEHOLD NECESSITY.

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HOME RULE DEBATE.

GOVERNMENT PROPOSALS STATED.

NATIONALISTS LEAVE CHAMBER.

The House of Commons was crowded on the occasion of the Irish debate last month.

"HOME RULE WITHOUT DELAY."

Mr. T. P. O'Connor moved:—"That for the purpose of strengthening the hands of the Allies in achieving recognition of the equal rights of small nations against the German principle of military domination, and of Government without the consent of the governed, it is essential to confer Home Rule on Ireland without delay."

Mr. O'Connor said that the motion was an invitation to the House of Commons to join in a united and genuine effort to settle the Irish question. It indicated no change of attitude on the part of the Nationalist party towards the war—an attitude which had surprised every student of Irish history. It was impossible to imagine that Britain, which was fighting for the rights of small nationalities, could be so inconsistent and untrue as to deny this right to Ireland.

The formation of the Coalition Government gave the Nationalists the impression that their political opponents had triumphed, and that Home Rule would never be allowed to become law. The manner in which the Government dealt with the Irish rebellion had transformed a friendly people into a people filled with bitter hatred. Many Nationalists had joined the ranks of the Sinn Feiners. Home Rule should be put into operation forthwith, for the sake of Ireland and the Allies.

Mr. O'Connor concluded by saying that there were only two alternatives for dealing with Ireland: Settlement or coercion. The majority of sane men in Britain believed that a settlement was necessary, but the failure of last summer's negotiations was regarded in Ireland as a breach of the solemn compact such as had brought England into the war. The Government broke that compact, and the Irish drew the conclusion that England, now as ever, was "perfidious Albion."

Mr. A. Redmond appealed for the obliteration of old animosities between the North and South. He appealed to Sir Edward Carson to rise to the demands of the situation and work with the Nationalists for the better Government of Ireland.

PRIME MINISTER'S SPEECH. Mr. Lloyd George, Prime Minister, said that any settlement acceptable to the Irish as a whole would be welcome with delight by the United Kingdom. He was grieved that some means could not be found for uniting Ireland in the interests of the Empire. The present Government did not depart from the attitude taken up by their predecessors. There must be no attempt to settle the question in a manner which would provoke disturbance in one part of the United Kingdom and divide the rest into two warring factions. The discontent of Ireland was not a material one, but the inalienable fact remained that after all the record of beneficent legislation and material prosperity Ireland was no more reconciled to British rule than it was in the days of Cromwell. To place Ulster under the Nationalists' rule against its will would be as glaring an outrage on liberty and self-government as a denial of self-government to the rest of Ireland.

The Government was prepared to confer self-government on any part of Ireland which unmistakably demanded it. But the Government was not prepared to force the rest of the north-eastern corner of Ireland to submit to be governed by a population with which they were completely out of sympathy. He quoted extracts from Mr. Asquith's speeches, showing that the employment of force to coerce Ulster was absolutely unthinkable. Irishmen could at any time, with the substantial consent of all parties, secure self-government for that part of the country which demanded it by an unmistakable voice, but no party would support a demand that Ulster should be forced into a settlement.

Mr. Dillon interjected:—This means that you are trying to back out of Home Rule. Mr. Lloyd George: That is not true, and the honourable gentleman knows it. I have not deviated a hair's breadth from the line taken by me during the last five or six years regarding Ulster. Neither Mr. Asquith nor myself contemplated the coercion of Ulster, which would mean a permanent division of Ireland. On the other hand, I believe that a frank acceptance of the position that Ulster can only be brought in when she expresses her willingness to come in is a hundred times more likely to achieve a united Ireland than coercion. I believe that ultimately, at no distant date, Ulster will come in. Continuing, the Prime Minister said that the Government therefore proposed to make an offer beyond which it would not go, either during or after the war. If the offer was acceptable to Ireland he suggested that a conference of Irishmen should settle the details.

Replying to Mr. Dillon's interjection regarding the Sinn Feiners, Mr. Lloyd George said:—"My answer is that you may have self-government if you want it. But we won't put under your heels people who don't want it." (Cheers.)

In order to make the attitude of the Government clear, Mr. Lloyd George concluded by proposing the following amendment:—"This House, while welcoming any settlement which will produce a better understanding between Ireland and the rest of the United Kingdom, considers it impossible to forcibly impose on any section or part of Ireland a form of Government which has not their sanction."

MR. ASQUITH'S SUGGESTIONS. Mr. Asquith said that he was unaware of the Government's intention to move an amendment. The Prime Minister's amendment appeared to affirm a proposition which no one disputed, therefore he doubted whether it was worth while to record it. The Empire would have greatly strengthened itself in the present conflict if it had secured the immediate settlement of the hitherto unsolvable problem. Despite legislative and administrative reform the situation in Ireland was not improving. He did not think it likely that there would be a recurrence of the insurrection and rebellion because the forces at the disposal of the Government

were such that if such a foolhardy and desperate enterprise were contemplated it would result in complete disaster. He wanted to make a practical contribution to the debate. The expedients reduced themselves to three. The first was Government by negotiation. They might bring the two parties to an agreed settlement by a give-and-take process. Personally, he believed that the experiment was no more likely to meet with success than the July negotiations. The second expedient was that Irishmen of all parties might be appealed to to meet and arrive at a settlement among themselves. This would be most excellent, but he feared that it was impossible. The only practical alternative was that Parliament should invoke the intervention of some outside impartial authority which could be entrusted with the task of adjusting all the interests and sentiments concerned. This task might be facilitated by the presence of the colonial statesmen. Any decision they reached would be subject to the final approval of Parliament.

Mr. Lloyd George promised to consider the suggestion. He asked, what would be the character of the body? Would it report to the Government or have statutory powers?

Mr. Asquith replied that he would not give its decisions statutory effect in advance; they must receive Parliament's approval. He admitted that his suggestion contained obvious difficulties because it would be necessary to constitute an authority on whose confidence and impartiality Irishmen and all parties could rely. It would be necessary for such a body to act promptly and avoid anything likely to block the road to settlement. It should be entrusted with power to mould and adjust a scheme which would do justice to all interests and sentiments. Such a body would command general approval, and be regarded by Ireland as an authority possessing special experience which the House of Commons did not possess.

MR. REDMOND DISAPPOINTED. Mr. John Redmond, leader of the Nationalist party, said that he had listened to Mr. Lloyd George's speech with the deepest pain. His professions in favour of Home Rule were absolutely unnecessary to-day, as he had the power—if he had the courage to use it—to carry his professions into practice. This was the time for action stripped of all expressions of good will. The naked reality of Mr. Lloyd George's speech was a policy absolutely of "Wait-and-see." (Nationalist cheers.)

The Premier made no proposal. He had suggested that negotiations should be reopened, but after his experience of the July negotiations, he would not enter into any more. (Nationalist cheers.) The effect of the debate would be most injurious to the best interests of the Empire. It was perfectly certain that Germany, which had for long fomented disorder in Ireland, would shake with delight at the attitude that Mr. Lloyd George had taken up. Germany would know that Mr. Lloyd George was playing right into the hands of the Irish revolutionaries.

The Prime Minister's pronouncement would have a very bad effect in neutral countries, and would take the heart out of Irishmen fighting at the front. The position in Ireland was serious. There were men there with influence and money who combined in the enterprise of smothering the constitutional movement. Mr. Lloyd George was playing into their hands. The Government had raised in Ireland an issue which must be faced, and decided. He would be glad to see it decided in every constituency in Ireland to-morrow. The great issue was whether Ireland should still rely on constitutional action or revert to the methods and ideals of revolution. Some men so bitterly hated Home Rule that they would God-speed a revolution. If the constitutional movement disappeared, Mr. Lloyd George would be forced to govern Ireland with the naked sword. When the Nationalist leaders attempted to effect a settlement in July they took their political life into their own hands, and they had been betrayed. The Government should have brought forward proposals acceptable to the whole of Ireland.

An Ulster Unionist interjected: "What do you mean?"

Mr. Redmond: "What I mean is, put the Home Rule Act into operation with such additions and amendments as time and the altered circumstances render necessary."

"FUTILE, HUMILIATING DEBATE." Concluding, the Nationalist leader said: "This debate necessitates the reconsideration of our position. It is absolutely futile for my colleagues and myself to continue the debate. Therefore I appeal to my colleagues to let the House do what it likes with the resolution and amendment." (Loud Nationalist cheers.) Ask them not to remain to continue a futile, humiliating debate, to withdraw and take counsel with me as to the next step we shall take."

This dramatic statement was delivered in passionate tones. The Nationalists, greatly excited, cheered Mr. Redmond to the echo. When he left his seat the whole party followed him out of the House, amidst great Nationalist cheering and opprobrious epithets against the Government. Some Nationalists angrily shook their fists at the Treasury Bench, and a voice was heard above the din shouting, "Hangman Carson! He is only fit to be a hangman, instead he is First Lord of the Admiralty!" The scene was the most exciting witnessed in the House since the war broke out, and it caused an immense sensation.

Mr. Wardle (Labour) regretted that the Nationalists had left the House without awaiting the result of their own motion. He urged the Government to find a way out of the present impasse.

Sir Henry Dalziel said that the situation could not be left as it was. He asked whether Mr. Lloyd George supported or opposed Mr. Asquith's suggestion. In order to enable the Prime Minister to make a statement, he moved the adjournment of the debate.

Mr. Lloyd George said that Mr. Redmond evidently misunderstood him. He had clearly stated that Home Rule would be granted to any part clearly demanding it, but he could not enforce it where it was repugnant. There were two ways of settling the details, either by a conference of Irishmen or a commission practically of the same character as Mr. Asquith's. "It has been suggested that we should bring in a bill on that basis," said the Prime Minister, "but we cannot, in the middle of a great war, bring in a bill which may

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not be acceptable to any section. Until Nationalists have indicated their attitude, it would be folly for the War Cabinet to introduce such a highly controversial bill." Mr. Guest considered that the Nationalists' withdrawal would gravely affect our conduct of the war and position in the eyes of the world. He hoped that the Government would try and arrange a settlement on the lines of Mr. Asquith's suggestion. Mr. Healy said that, though an opponent of Mr. Redmond, he considered the Empire owed Mr. Redmond its best gratitude. If the War Office had taken his advice it would have had from 200,000 to 300,000 troops, and the rebellious elements would not have appeared. He taunted Mr. Redmond with arranging a play-acting coup by quitting the House. Mr. Redmond ought to have provided something better. Neither he nor any Nationalist had offered a hand to Ulster since 1912. Instead, they had pooled together any suggestion for the settlement of Home Rule. Ireland would take his excursion from the House at its proper measure. It deserved, after 20 years, something better than a dramatic spectacle from the House. Instead of bringing Mr. Churchill's Hotentots and niggers from Africa, England ought to try and win Ireland and America to its side in the war. The debate was adjourned.

GERMANY'S LAID-UP SHIPBUILDING.

STORIES OF LARGE NEW CONSTRUCTION.

Perhaps the most accurate estimate of the present state of German mercantile shipping that has yet been published in Germany was that given in Berlin by Captain C. Schroter, of Hamburg, before the Institute of Nautical Science. His lecture seems to have been based on a great mass of statistical information which has certainly not been forthcoming in any German publication or periodical. He stated that since the war 162 ships with a tonnage of 452,000 had been destroyed either by mines or torpedoes; 287 ships with a total cargo room of 807,000 tons had been retained by the enemy, "who had made the most complete use of them." In neutral harbours 821 merchant vessels, with a total tonnage of 2,341,000, were lying interned, condemned to inactivity, and 490 steamers, of altogether 2,410,000 tons, were still at home. Captain Schroter summarized these figures as follows:—7.1 per cent. of the total tonnage of the German mercantile marine (5,300,000 tons) finally and irremediably lost, 14.1 per cent. in neutral harbours.

These facts sound far more cheerful than they really are, even side by side with the comparatively severe losses of British shipping. For, apart from the actual deterioration of those bottoms laid up in neutral ports, the fact remains that the shipbuilding industry in Germany, as far as the mercantile marine is concerned, has been practically at a standstill since the war began. At first there may have been considerable activity in the German shipyards, for the leaders of German shipping had always realised what dangers a war with Britain would bring to their shipping. So the very pictures of a boom in the shipbuilding industries which have appeared from time to time in certain periodicals should be taken as the wish which, being father to the thought, cannot help having a distinctly "tendencious" character.

SHIPBUILDING AND HARBOUR WORK IN HAND.
An article in *Ueber Land und Meer*, for instance, reviewing the shipbuilding activity and harbour construction in Germany, states that the municipality of Bremen is constructing at present a new wharf, with two basins, capable of accommodating annually 1,600,000 tons. Stettin, too, is busy with harbour building, and Hamburg is completing the new wharves begun in peace-time. The Hansa Steam Shipping Co., of Bremen, has taken over during the war six steamers, which were being built when war broke out and two new ones this year, besides ordering six more new ones. The Kosmos Line, for which ten ships are being built, the Bremer Roland Line, and the Kontinental Reederei in Hamburg have increased their capital for new shipbuilding. The article goes on to say that the Hamburg-America Line is extraordinarily active, with regard to new shipbuilding. It has completed its largest American liner, the *Bismarck*, and is building besides a new turbine ship, the *Therps*, of 32,000 gross registered tonnage. There are also in construction for the same company three 32,000 ton ships, nine cargo steamers, two or three 18,000 tons, five smaller passenger steamers, and, apart from these, two commodious and elegant steamers of 17,000 tons for the Panama Canal traffic are being built by the Tockel-Kogge Werft in Geestemünde.

Altogether the Hamburg-America Line has now 350,000 tons building, as against 290,000 tons at the end of 1913. The Norddeutscher Lloyd, too, shows strong building enterprise with the two fast steamers *Columbus* and *Lindenburg*, of 26,000 tons each, built at Danzig, and the 16,000 ton steamers *München* and *Leipzig*, and twelve other ships of 10,000 tons each—a total of 246,000 tons of new shipping. Also the Hamburg-Südamerikanische Dampfschiffahrts-Gesellschaft, the Levante Gesellschaft, and the Afrika Line have placed numerous and important orders for new ships. The German shipbuilding yards have been employed during the war with a tonnage of more than three-quarters of a million for the German mercantile marine.

Herr Ballin, too, has spoken emphatically several times about the great importance of German shipping for the future, and there is probably a considerable amount of truth at the bottom of the article quoted above, but it is impossible that all these things could have been brought to pass as described. A very different story is told moreover, by the correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt*, who gave a series of his impressions of German cities in war-time. In the course of a vivid account of the stagnation reigning in the two great ports of Hamburg and Bremen he described the impression of desolation conveyed by the sight of the grey levitation *Imperator* lying useless in the docks, and then continued:—"Afterwards, one remembers that this is only one ship of 53,000 tons, forming but a very small proportion of the total aggregate of 1,400,000 tons of shipping which is doomed to similar idleness."

Naturally certain measures had been adopted to meet the depression. A "War Committee" of German shipowners was formed which embraced the whole German shipping trade. It consisted of twelve members, Herr Ballin being among them, while Dr. Greve, a director of the North German Lloyd, was president. Business was woken up to the alarming shortage of essential raw materials. The committee was roused, and in order to establish the readiness of their companies to new ships and

this make good the losses they had suffered. The Reichstag also expressed the desire that effective steps should be taken to rehabilitate the German mercantile fleet as rapidly as possible. That was in May, last.

SIGNIFICANT COMPLAINTS.
For some time the Press talked vaguely of a boom in shipbuilding, the result of the Government's intervention. But gradually it died away, and in September Herr Ballin was saying in an interview that as soon as war began work on all large liners was suspended, as all hands were required for army work. All that was being done at the moment was to make arrangements for a prompt resumption of work on the mercantile marine directly the war came to an end. Soon significant complaints began to appear in the Press of the way in which German shipping was being treated by the Government. It was said that the German companies were receiving no compensation for the loss of their ships by the enforced idleness of the greater portion of their fleets, and that even the payments for those ships which were requisitioned by the Government was by no means so generous as in England and France. Indeed there can be no doubt that the prospects of German shipping are by no means as brilliant as the typical Press article tries to make out. A fair proof may be taken from the attitude of neutral investors to German steamship shares. In August last, for instance, the following advertisements appeared in a Danish paper dated the 6th and 8th respectively:

1.—Shares in Hamburg-Amerika Line (the world's biggest steamship company) to be sold for 750 kroner for each 1,000 marks share.

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Thus the price per share dropped 25 kroner in two days, and moreover, the price in Denmark before the war was 1,300 kroner per share. The Dutch Press, too, recently recorded the fact that an attempt to create a market in German shipping shares on the Amsterdam Exchange met with no success.

If the yards were silent, however, and the dock sides deserted the council of elders were busy. Day by day the importance attached to the development of the mercantile marine grew in Germany, so that it might be ready in a conclusion of peace to step back into its old position in the carrying trade of the world. Shipping and industry had to approach each other with a view to a close co-operation to this end. The first significant step was the appointment to the Board of Directors of the Hamburg-America Line of Herr von Gwinner, the managing director of the Deutsche Bank. Dr. Salomonson, a director of the Diskontogeschellschaft, and Herr Hugo Stinnes, the Westphalian coal and iron magnate, the Norddeutscher Lloyd followed suit by electing Freiherr von Bodenhausen-Degener, one of the directors of Krupp's of Essen, to its Board of Directors. Herr Heineken, the managing director of the Norddeutscher Lloyd, is a director of the Deutsche Bank; whilst Paul Mankiewicz, of the Deutsche Bank, has joined the Board of the Norddeutscher Lloyd. As for Krupp and the Lloyd, there has been a close association between them for some time. The foundation of the Schiffahrts-Gesellschaft, which owns the merchant-ship *Deutschland*, built in Krupp's Germania wharf at Kiel. Two other steps have since been taken by the Hamburg-America Line to prepare for the future; the one is the complete understanding as to the common working arrived at with the Norddeutscher Lloyd, and the other is the extensive programme of shipbuilding, necessitating the creation of a new Hamburg shipbuilding yard, in which the great "Allgemeine Elektricitäts-Gesellschaft" has participated to a large extent. There remains no doubt that these steps point not only to a financial strengthening of the companies, but to a new policy for the future and to a systematic attempt to overcome or mitigate the very serious consequences of the war.

POSITION OF THE GREAT COMPANIES.
An excellent comment on the situation appears in the *Frankfurter Zeitung*. This paper points out that as the two great shipping companies, the Hamburg-America and the Norddeutscher Lloyd, have now issued no reports for the third year in succession, the public is in absolute ignorance as to their financial position. Still, it is certain that after paying interest on the share capital, placing money to the share sinking fund, writing off a proper amount for depreciation, and meeting the expenditure on the ships and crews laid up in neutral harbours, the finances of the companies will have suffered heavily by the end of the war, and though their position may be assured during the war, they will want strengthening for the period immediately after the war. It is interesting to find the motive for the understanding between shipping and industry is the desire to assure to the shipping companies sufficient freight not only for the period immediately following the war but for the hard years to come. Germany will need new imports more than exports after the war; no great amount of tonnage will be required for exports, except for potash and other mineral products. Most of her exports are manufactured goods made from raw materials imported from abroad, and it is very questionable whether Germany will be in a position to import rapidly enough large quantities of raw materials. The bills of exchange in German hands will necessitate slow and cautious action for years to come, and the strictest economy will have to be observed for the sake of the rate of exchange. Besides, there will be new competition to be faced by German shipping after the war. So the shipping companies will have to depend on their own capital resources for a long time, and therefore they have combined with both financial and industrial interests in order to strengthen those resources.

The Hamburg-America Line has also obtained controlling interests in the Levante Line, the Hamburg-South America Line, the Kosmos Gesellschaft, the German East Africa Line, and in the Woermann Line. In the last two ventures it has joined hands with Herr Hugo Stinnes, thus instituting a new policy of industry and shipping working together, of which the election of Herr Stinnes to the board of the Hamburg-America Line is only a consolidation.

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PACIFISTS MAKE FIGHTERS.
"You can't tell about us pacifists," Mr. Ford laughed. "Sometimes I think a pacifist is like a cat. It may seem a gentle creature, harmless sort of thing. But back a cat up in a corner—or a pacifist—and you've got the worst kind of a fighter you've ever seen."

"Now, I don't believe in offensive fighting, either for an individual or a nation, but if anybody attacks me or attacks the United States, believe me, I'm going to fight and fight hard. And sometimes the best thing a pacifist can do is to help get a fight over as quickly as possible."

Mr. Ford didn't dwell upon his idea of lending his fortune to the Government. His simply stated it in a quiet, matter-of-fact way. Indeed, his mention of it came out casually.

"The other day I was on my way across New York to take a train for Washington," he said, "and I noticed a lot of flags flying. A good many of them seemed to be from bank buildings. They all seemed patriotic—for profit. But I didn't see any signs of patriotism or shovels, or hunkies, about those bank buildings, indicating that they were offering any patriotic help to the nation except what they could profit from."

AVAILABLE ASSETS, \$100,000,000.
The talk turned to Mr. Ford's offer to the President and Secretary Daniels to turn over his factory, his men, and his own time, without gain, to make motor boats or "baby submarines" for the Government, and then he casually remarked:

"And the Government can have my money, too."

The extent of Mr. Ford's fortune is not known. It is a low estimate, however, for the interviewer who has talked to him many times to place his immediately available assets, cash, bonds, and the like, at \$100,000,000, and his total resources at perhaps five times that sum.

He did not continue on the topic of lending his money. He simply stated that he would, and then turned his attention to what he could do in a manufacturing way for the President and the country.

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CHURCH SERVICES.

St. Peter's Church, West Point, Good Friday, 6th April, Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m. Easter Sunday, 8th April, 10 a.m. Communion, 8 a.m. Morning Prayer and Sermon, 11 a.m. Preacher, Rev. E. W. L. Martin.

Union Church, Kennedy Road, Service on Good Friday, 6th April, Morning Service, at 11. Preacher, Rev. J. Kirk Macdonald.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS.

TO-DAY.
Good Friday—General Holiday.

TO-NIGHT.
8.15 p.m.—Clarke's Circus at Kowloon, opposite the Railway Station.

TO-MORROW.
10.30 a.m.—Open Rifle Championship Meeting.

9 p.m.—Concert by Paul Duffell at the Theatre Royal.

Monday, 9th April—Easter Monday—General Holiday.

Thursday, 12th April—8.15 p.m.—Hongkong Tennis League, Annual General Meeting at the Hongkong Cricket Club Pavilion.

Monday, 23rd April—St. George's Day, 9.15 p.m.—"Scenes from Shakespeare" at the Theatre Royal.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 5th at 12.25—Pressure has increased considerably from the Boies to central Japan, and moderately in the centre of North-West. It is at present slightly over 30 W. China and is nearly stationary elsewhere.

A feeble anti-cyclone covers Japan.

Hongkong rainfall for 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since 1st January, 5.42 inches, against an average of 6.77 inches.

The forecast for the 24 hours ending at noon to-day is as follows:—

Direction	Forecast
Hongkong to (Cap) Rock	Variable winds, moderate to light, fine to cloudy.
Formosa Channel	Same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Formosa	Same as No. 1.
South Coast of China between the same as Hongkong and Hainan	Same as No. 1.

HONGKONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hongkong Observatory, April 4th.

	Previous Day at 2 p.m.	On Date at 8 a.m.	On Date at 3 p.m.
Barometer	29.90	29.88	29.90
Temperature	72	67	75
Humidity	85	86	86
Wind Direction	East	ESE	East
Force	0	0	0
Weather	0	0	0
Rain	0	0	0

Highest open-air Temperature on 4th 72

Lowest open-air Temperature on 5th 68

HONGKONG TIDE TABLE.

From 6th to 12th April.

Day of Week or Month	High Water				Low Water			
	H'kong Mean Time	Height	H'kong Mean Time	Height	H'kong Mean Time	Height	H'kong Mean Time	Height
Fri.	6 m 31 s	5.8	6 m 23 s	1.7	6 m 11 s	5.9	6 m 20 s	2.2
Satur.	7 m 32 s	5.9	6 m 25 s	1.8	7 m 45 s	6.7	6 m 31 s	1.7
Sun.	8 m 30 s	6.3	6 m 22 s	2.2	9 m 21 s	6.5	6 m 36 s	1.4
Mon.	9 m 14 s	6.7	6 m 34 s	1.4	10 m 08 s	6.9	6 m 43 s	1.2
Tues.	10 m 20 s	7.0	6 m 45 s	1.2	11 m 23 s	7.4	6 m 52 s	1.3
Wed.	11 m 11 s	7.0	6 m 43 s	1.3	12 m 04 s	7.4	6 m 52 s	1.3
Thurs.	12 m 04 s	7.4	6 m 52 s	1.3	1 m 11 s	7.0	7 m 18 s	1.3

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